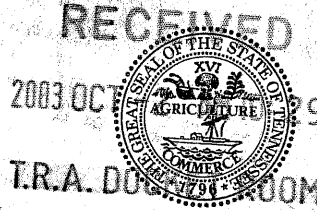


# TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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Washington, DC 20037

Subject: Pursuant to Federal Rule 54.314(a), October 1<sup>st</sup> Certification Requirement for  
High Cost Universal Service Support, CC Docket No. 96-45.

Dear Ms. Flannery:

This letter is sent to certify that all eligible carriers subject to the jurisdiction of the Tennessee Regulatory Authority<sup>1</sup> have provided self certification that federal high cost support (which includes high cost loop support, local switching support, high cost support received pursuant to the purchase of exchanges, high cost model support, and hold harmless support) will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) of the Communications Act. No non-rural carriers in Tennessee are eligible to receive this support. A list of all eligible rural carriers under the jurisdiction of the TRA and the study area code for each follows:

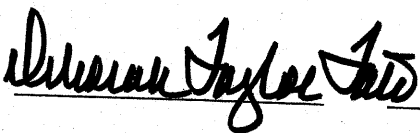
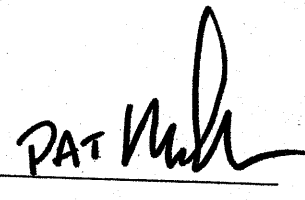
<u>State</u>	<u>SAC</u>	<u>Company Name</u>
TN	290280	Ardmore Telephone Company, Inc.
TN	<del>294336</del>	Ben Lomand Communications, Inc. 299 001
TN	290557	CenturyTel of Claiborne, Inc.
TN	290552	CenturyTel of Adamsville, Inc.
TN	290574	CenturyTel of Ooltewah-Collegedale, Inc.
TN	<del>290577</del>	Citizens Telecommunications Company of the Volunteer State, LLC 290580
TN	290559	Concord Telephone Exchange
TN	290561	Crockett Telephone Company, Inc.
TN	294336	Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee, LLC

<sup>1</sup> According to Tennessee statutes, telephone cooperatives are not subject to TRA jurisdiction, and therefore are not being certified in this letter. It is our understanding that cooperatives must file appropriate certification directly with the FCC and USAC. Tennessee has 10 telephone cooperatives operating in the state.

TN	290566	Humphrey's County Telephone Company
TN	290570	Loretto Telephone Company, Inc.
TN	290571	Millington Telephone Company, Inc.
TN	290576	Peoples Telephone Company, Inc.
TN	290578	Tellico Telephone Company
TN	290575	Tennessee Telephone Company
TN	290581	United Telephone Company
TN	290583	West Tennessee Telephone Company, Inc.

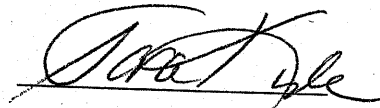
This filing is made pursuant to CC Docket No. 96-45.

Sincerely,

Deborah Taylor Tate  
Chairman

Pat Miller  
Director



Sara Kyle  
Director